

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-9 (canceled)

Claim 10 (currently amended): A ~~Feed~~food composition having a coating for obtaining a roasted appearance after cooking wherein ~~said-the~~ coating ~~comprising~~comprises at least one of a source of pigments or colorants; and a source of proteins, wherein the source of proteins is selected from the group consisting of a plasma, a gluten, a blood, and combinations thereof.

Claim 11 (currently amended): A food composition according to Claim 10 wherein the water content of the-the coating contains from about 30% to about 50% by weight of water is similar to that of the product coated.

Claim 12 (currently amended): A food composition according to Claim 10 wherein ~~said-the~~ source of pigments or colorants represents from about 5% to about 20% of the weight of the coating.

Claim 13 (currently amended): A food composition according to Claim 10 wherein ~~said-the~~ source of pigments or colorants is at least one selected from the group consisting of a caramelized sugar, a powdered blood, a frozen blood, mineral oxides, and ~~a~~combinations thereof.

Claim 14 (currently amended): A food composition according to Claim 10 wherein ~~said-the~~ source of proteins represents from about 5% to about 20% of the weight of the coating.

Claim 15 (canceled)

Claim 16 (currently amended): A food composition according to Claim 10 wherein ~~said-the~~ coating further comprises ~~at least one a component selected from the group consisting of~~ a thickener, a binder, an additive, flour, water and ~~a-combinations~~ thereof.

Claim 17 (canceled):

Claim 18 (currently amended): A food composition according to Claim 10 wherein the product coated ~~consists of~~comprises:

- a mixture of: a meat, a meat by-product, a fish, and a fish by-product, ~~a poultry, a poultry by-product, a pork, a pork by-product,~~
- a cereal; and
- ~~water and a combination thereof.~~

Claim 19 (currently amended): A food composition according to Claim 10 wherein ~~said-the~~ food composition is a pet food.

Claim 20 (currently amended): A food composition according to Claim 10 wherein ~~said-the~~ food composition is an emulsion.

Claim 21 (currently amended): A food composition according to Claim 20 wherein ~~said-the~~ emulsion comprises a mixture of: a meat, a cereal, a ~~plant-texturing-textured plant~~ protein, an ~~animal-texturingtextured animal~~ protein, water, vitamins, salt, a flavoring, and a colorant, ~~and a combination thereof.~~

Claim 22 (currently amended): A food composition according to Claim 10 wherein ~~said-the~~ coating comprises a mixture of: a caramelized sugar, a starch, a guar, a carboxymethyl-cellulose, a flour, water, a plasma, a powdered blood, sodium alginate, a salt, a sugar, an ascorbic acid, a gluten, and an iron oxide ~~and a combination thereof.~~

Claim 23 (currently amended): A food composition according to Claim 10 wherein ~~said-the~~ coating after cooking creates a non-homogenous, irregular, random roasted appearance to ~~said-the~~ food composition.

Claim 24 (currently amended): A food composition according to Claim 10 wherein ~~said the cooking is performed~~ composition is cooked by at least one a system selected from the group consisting of a hot air system, a steam system, a combined hot air and steam system, a microwave system.

Claim 25 (withdrawn): A process for preparing an animal food composition having a roasted appearance after cooking, comprising the steps of:

coating said food composition;

cooking said food composition;

cooling said food composition; and

packaging said food composition.

Claim 26 (withdrawn): A process according to Claim 25 wherein said food composition comprises an emulsion and a non-homogenous coating.

Claim 27 (withdrawn): A process according to Claim 26 wherein said coating comprises a pigment or colorant and a source of proteins.

Claim 28 (withdrawn): A process according to Claim 27 wherein said pigment represents from about 5% to about 20% of the weight of said coating.

Claim 29 (withdrawn): A process according to Claim 27 wherein said source of proteins represent from about 5% to about 20% of the weight of said coating.

Claim 30 (withdrawn): A process according to Claim 26 wherein said emulsion comprises a mixture of a meat, a meat by-product, a fish, a fish by-product, a poultry, poultry by products, a pork, pork by-products, a plant texturing protein, an animal texturing protein, vitamins, salt, flavoring, a colorant, a cereal, water and a combination thereof.

Claim 31 (withdrawn): A process according to Claim 25 wherein said step of cooking further comprises the step of cooking said food composition in at least one of a hot air system, a steam system, a combined hot air and steam system, a microwave system.

Claim 32 (withdrawn): A process according to Claim 26 wherein said step of cooking further comprises the step of cooking said food composition in an extruder.

Claim 33 (withdrawn): A process according to Claim 32 wherein said step of cooking said food composition in an extruder, wherein said extruder includes a first inlet having a first diameter and a second inlet having a second diameter, said first diameter is greater than said second diameter, and said second inlet is concentrically located inside said first inlet.

Claim 34 (withdrawn): A process according to Claim 33 wherein said coating flows inside said first inlet and said emulsion flows inside said second inlet.

Claim 35 (withdrawn): A process according to Claim 27 wherein said step of cooking further comprises the step of cooking said food composition until the proteins of said coating coagulate.

Claim 36 (withdrawn): A process according to Claim 27 further comprising the step of varying the cooking time, temperature, and ratio of protein and colorants to produce an appearance of non-homogeneous, roasted surface.

Claim 37 (withdrawn): A process according to Claim 26 wherein said coating comprises a mixture of a caramelized sugar, a starch, a guar, a carboxymethyl-cellulose, a flour, water, a plasma, a powdered blood, sodium alginate, a salt, a sugar, an ascorbic acid, a gluten, an iron oxide and a combination thereof.